# The NEW Missouri WIC Food Packages

Food and Focus!



## Objectives

- Identify reasons why the WIC food packages are changing.
- 2. Recognize the major changes to the WIC food packages.
- 3. Identify how has the infant food package changed.
- 4. Identify what extra food benefits a fully breastfeeding moms and their babies receive.
- Identify which food items need a medical documentation from a health care provider.

## Background to WIC Food Packages ...1974



The WIC food packages were designed to supplement participants' diets with foods rich in **five** (5) target nutrients known to be lacking in the diets of the WIC target population:

vitamins A and C, calcium, iron and protein.

## History of WIC Foods

- No change in WIC food packages since 1980
- 1992 amount of foods provided for breastfeeding women was increased
- Requests to revise the WIC food packages from: advocacy groups, congress, medical and scientific communities, WIC administrators, and WIC participants

## Major Changes to WIC Foods

## New foods

- Fruits and vegetables
- Whole wheat/grain breads
- Infant foods

### New alternatives

- Soy beverage
- Tofu
- Brown rice or whole wheat tortillas
- Canned beans
- Canned fish



## New quantities

- Milk, egg, juice and cheese are reduced for women and children
- Juice is eliminated from infant packages
- Quantities of infant formula are reduced for partially breastfed and older infants

## **WIC Approved Food List**

### For Woman and Children

#### Milk





· Reduced/Low Fat milk (skim, 1/4%, 1%, 2%) · Whole milk (if printed on WIC check) · Plastic container size as printed on WIC check

· Cultured buttermilk (quart size) · Evaporated milk, store brand only (12 oz can) . Non-fat, dry milk, store brand only (8 quart box)

#### Not Allowed

- Filled milk Flavored milk Substitutions Organic milk
- Sweetened condensed milk

#### Specialty Milk

. Type and size will be printed on WIC check

#### Cheese



. Store brand only, block, natural, domestic, American, Cheddar (extra sharp, sharp, medium or mild), Colby, Colby Jack, Monterey Jack, Mozzarella

cheeses part skim or whole (8 or 16 oz) . Store brand sliced American cheese only

#### Not Allowed

- Cheese additives · String cheese · Deli cheese
- Grated cheese · Cheese food Flavored cheese
- · Cheese spread · Shredded cheese · Cheese product · Organic
- · CholesteroLreduced cheese
- · Individually wrapped slices . Low Fat/Fat Free cheese

#### Eggs

·Large, white, grade A or AA (1 dozen package)

### Not Allowed

- ·Low cholesterol eggs · Organic eggs
  - Specialty eggs Brown eags



· Any variety of plain, mature dried beans, peas or lentils (16 oz package)

#### · Store brand only Peas

- Not Allowed
- Organic products · Additives or flavors



#### Peanut Butter

Allowed

#### . Smooth, creamy or regular, store brand only (18 oz jar)



- · Low fat peanut butter I ow salt/sodium peanut butter
- · Organic peanut butter
- · Mixtures with jams, jellies or honey

#### Canned Beans

· Bush's Best brand (16 oz can) only · Garbanzo, Kidney, Pinto, and Red Beans



#### Whole Wheat/Whole Grain Breads















### Grain Bread Whole Grain Tortillas



100% Whole

Wheat (16oz)

Whole Wheat

Bread (16 oz)



Whole Wheat









#### Brown Rice

- . Whole unprocessed grain 16 or 32 oz store brand packages
- No instant rice





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(issued if meets criteria)



#### Tofu (issued if meets criteria) · Mori-Nu Brand:

Silken Tofu Soft (12 oz) Silken Tofu Firm (12.3 oz) Silken Tofu Extra Firm (12.3 oz)

Silken Lite Tofu Firm (12.3 oz) Organic Silken Tofu Firm (12.3 oz)

· Azumava Brand: Firm Tofu (14 oz)

· NaSoya Brand: Firm Tofu-Organic (14 oz) Silken Tofu-Organic (16 oz)





### tor Intents

### Infant Formula

. Brand, type and size printed on WIC check

#### Infant Cereal

Beech-Nut

Multigrain

Oatmeal

Rice

· Barley

· Plain, dry only (8 or 16 oz)











Mixed

#### · Whole Wheat Infant Fruit

- . Only Applesauce, Apricot, Banana, Peach and Pears (4 oz jar)
- · Any texture · No mixed fruits













### Infant Vegetables

- Only Carrots, Green Beans, Peas, Squash and Sweet Potatoes (4 oz jar)
- Anv texture No mixed vegetables







Multiple-packs, and added DHA/ARA.









## For Rully Branstical Infants Only

#### Infant Meats

- . Only Beef, Chicken, Ham, Lamb, Turkey and Veal (2.5 oz jar)
- · Any texture, with broth or gravy



Beech-Nut Gerber

Canned Fish



Nature's

Light Tuna, water packed (5 or 6 oz)

Chunk, solid or grated

Water packed only

Sardines (3.75 oz)

Pink Salmon (5.6 or 7.5 oz)

Water or soybean oil packed

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## Section 1

## The Breastfeeding Dyad

NOTE: Participant needs to tell the nutritionist if they need changes on WIC checks

## Breastfeeding Incentives and Support

- Missouri WIC promotes breastfeeding as the preferred infant feeding method
- Health outcomes for both mother and infants are improved by breastfeeding
- Every mother should breastfeed for at least
   1 year unless advised otherwise by a physician
- Breast pumps are provided for breastfeeding moms
- Fully breastfeeding infants and moms receive the best food package

## Fully Breastfeeding Mothers

# Fully breastfeeding mothers receive the most variety, largest quantity of food and a \$10 fruit and

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for fruits and

vegetables.



## Fully Breastfeeding Infants

 Fully breastfed infants (6 - 12 months) receive infant meats and larger quantities of infant fruits and vegetables. Mother's food package is determined by baby's feeding option



## Fully Breastfeeding Food Package



## Partially Breastfeeding Food Package



## Partially Breastfeeding > Max Food Package



## Non-Breastfeeding Food Package



## Changes to the Infant Food Package

- No routine issuance of formula in first month to help mother establish and maintain milk supply
- 2. Mom needs to request formula for her infant
- 3. No juice for infants
- Infant cereal provided at 6 months
- 5. Infant food provided at 6 months: Fruit Vegetables and Meats\*



\*ONLY ISSUED TO A FULLY BREASTFED INFANT

## New Food Packages for Partially Breastfeeding Infants

- Partially breastfed infants receive less infant formula to allow mothers to feed more breast milk to their infants.
- No routine issuance of formula in first month to help mother maintain milk supply
- ▶ Breastfeeding moms with infants over 6 months of age receiving more than ½ the amount of formula in an infant formula food package:
  - No longer receive food for themselves
  - Are counted as participating on the WIC program as breastfeeding women
  - Are given support and education to continue breastfeeding



# Section 2 Children and Women

NOTE: Participant needs to tell the nutritionist if they need changes on WIC checks

## Reduced Quantities: Milk, Cheese, Juice and Eggs

Amounts align with the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics



## Add Whole Grain Selections

- Whole Wheat Bread or
- Whole Wheat Tortilla or
- Soft Corn Tortilla or
- Brown Rice



## Add Legumes

- Adds legumes to food package for postpartum women to improve the intake of iron, folate, Vitamin E, and fiber.
- Allows canned beans to be substituted for dried beans for all children and women.



## Add New Milk and Dairy Alternatives

- Tofu
- Soy-based beverage

Medical documentation is required for children to receive soy-based beverage and tofu as alternatives to milk.

## Add New Canned Fish for Fully Breastfeeding Women

Continues to allow canned light tuna (no albacore)

 Allows other canned fish identified as lower in mercury

- Salmon
- Sardines



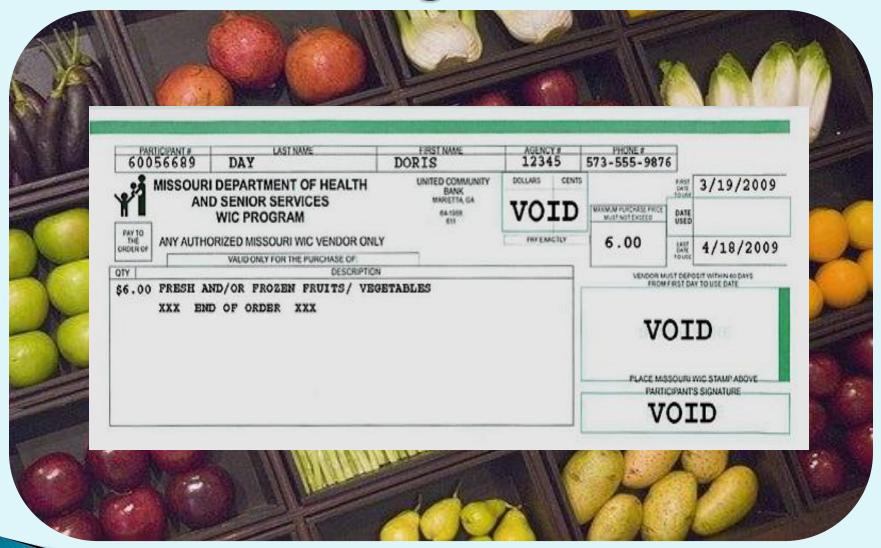
## Add Fruits and Vegetables

- Fruit and Vegetable Check FVC for fruits and vegetables for children and women
- Participants may choose from a wide variety of fruits and vegetables
- Fresh and frozen allowed



Children\$6.00
Pregnant Women\$8.00
Pregnant Women Carrying Multiples.\$10.00
Partially Breastfeeding Women\$8.00
Non-Breastfeeding Women\$8.00
Fully Breastfeeding Women\$10.00
Fully Breastfeeding Multiples\$15.00

## Fruit and Vegetable Check



## SHOPPING GUIDE FOR BUYING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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This shopping guide is to assist you in getting the most for your WIC fruit and vegetable check. Use this shopping list to keep track of your fruit and vegetable purchases. When choosing fruits or vegetables that are priced by the pound, please complete the following steps:

- Place the item on the scale in the produce section.
- · Round the weight up to the nearest pound or half pound.
- Estimate the cost of the item based on this chart below.
- Write the item and price on this shopping list.

When you get to the check out counter, sort your foods. First, be sure to place the fresh fruits and vegetables on the conveyor belt or counter, then follow with the frozen fruits and vegetables.

- 1. More than one WIC check for fruits and vegetables may be added together for one WIC sale. Other WIC food checks must be rung up separately.
- 2. Your fruit and vegetable purchases must be the amount of the WIC check (\$6, \$8, or \$10) or less. You may NOT pay the difference if your purchases exceed the WIC check amount. You may have to return some item(s) to reduce the amount of the sale to the amount of the WIC check or less.

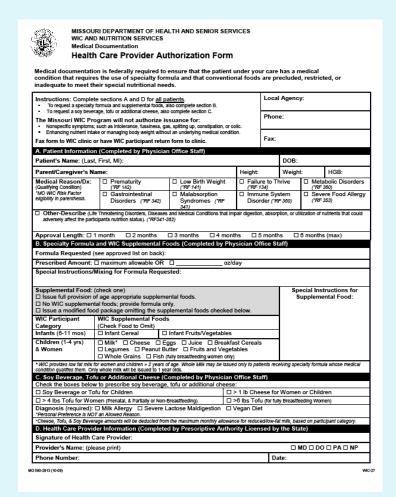
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0.59	0.59	0.89	1.18	1.48	1.77	2.07	2.36	2.66
0.69	0.69	1.04	1.38	1.73	2.07	2.42	2.76	3.11
0.79	0.79	1.19	1.58	1.98	2.37	2.77	3.16	3.56
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1.19	1.19	1.79	2.38	2.98	3.57	4.17	4.76	5.36
1.29	1.29	1.94	2.58	3.23	3.87	4.52	5.16	5.81
1.39	1.39	2.09	2.78	3.48	4.17	4.87	5.56	6.26
1.49	1.49	2.24	2.98	3.73	4.47	5.22	5.96	6.71
1.59	1.59	2.39	3.18	3.98	4.77	5.57	6.36	7.16
1.69	1.69	2.54	3.38	4.23	5.07	5.92	6.76	7.61
1.79	1.79	2.69	3.58	4.48	5.37	6.27	7.16	8.06
1.89	1.89	2.84	3.78	4.73	5.67	6.62	7.56	8.51
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2.99	2.99	4.49	5.98	7.48	8.97	10.47	11.96	13.46
3.09	3.09	4.64	6.18	5.23	9.27	10.82	12.36	13.91
3.19	3.19	4.49	6.38	7.98	9.57	11.17	12.76	14.36
3.29	3.29	4.94	6.58	8.23	9.87	11.52	13.16	14.81
3.39	3.39	5.09	6.78	8.48	10.17	11.87	13.56	15.26
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SHOPPING LIST	
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## Medical Documentation WIC 27

- •Medical documentation ensures that the participant's physician has determined that foods provided by WIC will not cause harm.
- Medical documentation covers food; medical prescriptions do not.
- •Medical documentation from the physician is needed <u>before</u> WIC can issue special formulas, soy milk and tofu for children.



http://www.dhss.mo.gov/wic/FoodPackages/InfoforLWPs.html

## When is Medical Documentation Required?

- Special infant formulas
- Any infant formula for children
- Medical foods for women and children
- Whole milk for anyone2 years and older



## Medical Documentation (Continued)

### Cheese

 Greater than 1 pound for children and prenatal, partially breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding women

 Greater than 2 pounds for fully breastfeeding women

## Soy beverage

For children (1-4 years old)

### **Tofu**

- Greater than 4 pounds for prenatal, partially and non-breastfeeding women
- Greater than 6 pounds for fully breastfeeding women
- Children any amount

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